

Earned Income Tax Credit



Penny pinching? You could qualify for the **EITC!**

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Find out if you qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit by calling [1-800-829-3676](tel:1-800-829-3676) for the free IRS Publication 596, titled *Earned Income Credit*. Visit the IRS on the web at www.irs.gov/eitc or call [1-800-TAX-1040](tel:1-800-TAX-1040).

If you qualify for the EITC you may get your taxes done for free by certified IRS tax preparers at a Volunteer Income Tax Assistance site.

Over eighteen million people throughout the country already benefited from the Earned Income Tax Credit. Don't know if you qualify? Don't worry, help is just a phone call away!



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To claim the EITC, taxpayers must meet the following rules

- Must have earned income
- Must have a valid Social Security Number
- Investment income is limited to \$2,900
- Filing status can't be "married filing separately"
- Generally must be a U.S. citizen or resident alien all year
- Cannot be a qualifying child of another person
- Cannot file Form 2555 or 2555-EZ (related to foreign earned income)

Qualifying Child Criteria

A qualifying child cannot be used by more than one person to claim the EITC

The child must meet the relationship, age and residency tests.

If you don't have a qualifying child:

- You must be at least age 25, but under 65
- You cannot qualify as the dependent of another person
- You must have lived in the United States more than half the tax year

Filing status

You cannot be married filing separately

Possible Tax Credits

If you have worked and have earned income less than:

- \$12,590 (\$14,590 if married filing jointly) if there is no qualifying child you may be eligible for a credit of up to \$428
- \$33,241 (\$35,241 if married filing jointly) if there is one qualifying child you may be eligible for a credit of up to \$2,853
- \$37,783 (\$39,783 if married filing jointly) if there is more than one qualifying child you may be eligible for a credit of up to \$4,716



For more info:

Visit www.irs.gov/eitc

or

Call 1-800-TAX-1040 to speak with an IRS representative,

or

Call 1-800-829-4477, select **option 2**, then select **topic 601**.

**Don't guess
whether you qualify for the EITC**

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